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## Football: Indians win impromptu season opener at Kings Academy 29-6

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Woodstock - The Towns County Indians kicked off their 2021 season with a big win over The King's Academy in Woodstock, defeating the Knights 29-6 on Friday, Aug. 20.

Towns was originally scheduled to host Pinecrest Academy for the team's season opener at Frank McClure Stadium, but due to COVID issues at Pinecrest, Head Football Coach Jason Roquemore said they had to scramble to find another opponent.

The King's Academy was scheduled to open their season against Armuchee, but like Pinecrest Academy, Armuchee was experiencing COVID issues so rescheduled the matchup.

With both the Indians and the Knights not having an opponent the first week of the season, their coaches came together in the middle of the week to schedule a game.

Sophomore Quarterback Connor Chastain began his Indian career off with a bang under the "Friday Night Lights." In his first year as a starting quarterback for the Indians, Chastain showed great poise in the pocket, terrific decision making and formidable command of the huddle.

With seniors Kyle Oakes at running back and Collin



(L-R) Towns County captains ahead of the pregame coin toss. Led by an explosive rushing attack, Towns County put up 23 points after halftime. Photos by Lowell Nicholson

Crowder at wide receiver, Towns County grabbed an early 6-0 lead over the Knights on a 59-yard touchdown pass to Crowder, taking that scoreboard into the half.

In the second half, the Boys in Blue kept the offensive pressure up, scoring an additional 23 points to include two

defensive scores, one on a safety following a sack by junior linebacker Seth Gillis, and another on an interception by junior Dawson Barrett for a 62-yard touchdown.

Following the scrimmage win against Polk County, Tennessee, for the second week in a row, Towns County held their op-

ponents to just one touchdown, with the Knights finding the end zone late in the fourth quarter for a final score of 29-6 and a 1-0 Indians opening record.

Chastain completed 20 of 23 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns.

Oakes led the team on the ground with 16 carries for 88



yards and a score. Gillis finished the night with six carries for 43 yards, and Crowder hauled in 12 catches for 154 yards and a touchdown. Gillis led the defense with 12 tackles, four tackles for a loss and a safety. Barrett had two tackles and the interception for a touchdown, and Oakes finished with seven tackles and a tackle for loss on defense. The Indians are currently scheduled to travel to Rome on Friday, Aug. 27, to take on Armuchee, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. The Pinecrest Academy game has been rescheduled to Friday, Sept. 3, at Frank McClure Stadium.

## Softball: Lady Indians fall to Rabun, face Commerce at home Thursday

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The Lady Indians are currently experiencing a rough beginning to the 2021-2022 season, starting things off with an 0-3 record in their recent road games against North Murray, West Hall and Fannin County.

They lost their season opener on Thursday, Aug. 5, at North Murray 12-4. Towns led the game 4-0 heading into the third inning, but the Lady Mountaineers clapped back in the bottom of the third with five unanswered runs to take a one-run lead going into the fourth.

North Murray would add seven more runs to hold the Lady Indians scoreless through the last four innings, handing Towns County a 12-4 loss.

Next, the Lady Indians traveled to West Hall for their second game of the season, only to be defeated 12-4 again on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Then the Lady Indians traveled to Fannin County to take on the Lady Rebels on



The Lady Indians during a recent game. Photo/Lisa Oakes

Thursday, Aug. 12. They had another fast start, taking a 3-2 lead at the end of the first inning, but the Lady Rebels would go on to score five

unanswered runs in bottom of the third to take a 7-3 lead.

Towns scored their fourth and final run of the game in the fourth inning

while giving up five more runs to the Lady Rebels, culminating in their third 12-4 loss in a week.

Head Coach Clay Liv-

ingston commended his Lady Indians for their hard work and noted that they are a young team that has unfortunately already been affected by COVID and injuries.

Despite a rough start to the season, the team and coaches are all keeping positive attitudes, and especially with having such a young team, Livingston said he doesn't want the girls to worry about wins and losses right now but to just keep working hard and trying to get better.

Of course, they all want to win, Livingston said, but he added that, ultimately, he just wants to see his players continue to battle through the adversity they have faced so far this year.

"The standard is what it is," Livingston said. "We expect to play well and fight for a playoff spot year in and year out. We are young this year and have already been affected by COVID as well as a couple of unfortunate injuries."

Added Livingston, "We have four seniors who have played well so far and will have to continue to do so

for us to get where we want to go."

The four seniors this year are Alissa "Lele" Moss, Rylie Livingston, Lilly Winn and Payten Calvert.

Towns County has several more returning starters, including Laura Mauldin, Izzy Edwards and Halie Arrowood, each of whom will be counted on this year if the Lady Indians hope to fight for a playoff spot, Livingston said.

"Coaching here is a blessing because of the type of kids we have, hard-nosed and hard working," Livingston said. "I also am fortunate to coach my own kids and have that time with them."

As the head coach of the Lady Indians, Livingston has enjoyed the opportunity to coach his two daughters: Class of 2021 Graduate Kenzie Livingston, and Rylie Livingston, who is a senior this year.

The Lady Indians will once more take to the road this week, traveling to Rabun County on Wednesday, Aug. 18 with a first-pitch time of 4:30 p.m.

## Cross Country: Towns County ladies place fifth, men sixth at Meeks Park



Towns County cross country opened the season facing Class AA and AAA competition at Meeks Park on Aug. 19. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

## Towns County High School Announces Digital Ticketing for All 2021-22 Events

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Towns County High School fans and guests will have a more convenient way to buy tickets to TCHS events during the 2021-22 school. TCHS has partnered with HomeTown Ticketing to provide complete digital ticketing for TCHS Indian games this year.

Tickets for TCHS games can be purchased through the Towns County High School athletic website (townscountyathletics.com/tickets-events-tickets/) or by downloading the HomeTown Fan App. The HomeTown Fan App will allow guest to manage their ticketing experience on most iOS or Android mobile devices.

Fans can:

- Search for local events by school name and school zip code.
- Choose their favorite schools to keep updated on the latest events.
- Purchase and access tickets from their smartphones or mobile device, making it easy to review purchases and scan at the gate.
- Enter the events. All tickets and passes can be scanned directly from the app to enter events, providing for true touchless redemption.

Tickets will not be sold at the gates for any TCHS sporting events this year. All tickets will be purchased through HomeTown Ticketing.